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Students- Do you qualify for the Vacation Grant?

Vacation Grant

Employees who hired on or after December 1, 1992, with less than 10 years of service receive up to 3 additional days of paid leave during the annual Laboratory closure in December to cover days that are not paid holidays. Record as "VG" on the time and effort report. For more information regarding the vacation policy log on to the Administration Manual, talk to you group administrative assistant, or visit http://int.lanl.gov/worklife/benefits/timeoff/ to see if you qualify for the vacation grant.

The Students' Association Beat (aka SA Beat)



Disclaimer: Items in the SA Beat are compiled from public information contained from various sources within and around Los Alamos. Activities and information listed in SA Beat imply fun and excitement for LANL students.



Holiday Potluck from Around-the-World

Date: December16, 2003 Time: 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Place: Canyon Complex

Please join us in a LANL Student Holiday Potluck.

This is an excellent opportunity to share your love of different foods with your fellow students. You may bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert to share. Please also bring a canned food item or toiletry item to be donated to a local charity.

(Drinks and Plastic Ware will be provided)

To take part in this event please RSVP by December 9th through the SA website at http://sa.lanl.gov_with your name, email, and type of dish you are bringing.

SA Outreach Campaign

The SA Outreach Campaign was a complete success! Students' Association Officers completed the first outreach campaign in October. The officer's set up a SA booth at Otowi, S-Site, and LANSCE cafeterias. The booth consisted of give-a-ways such as SA buttons, letter openers, puzzles, Symposium 2003 booklets, SA calendar of events, SPAC, and SA brochures. Students were also invited to participate in a survey that SA was conducting in order to get feedback on how SA can improve in serving the LANL student body. Every student who participated in this survey was entered into a drawing to win a free lunch! The congratulation goes to Mike Crogan of P-21 for winning the free lunch.

If you were not aware of the survey and would like to fill one out please contact any SA Officer at saexec@lanl.gov.

Thank you students for participating and making the Outreach Campaign a huge success!



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The LANL ∇ (students) – GRAd (students)

GRA Brown Bag Lunches

When: December 3 and 17, 2003

Where: Meet at the ATM in front the Otowi Cafeteria

Time: 11:30.

Contact Omar Wooten (hasani@lanl.gov) 5-3249 for more information.

Community Corner

Los Alamos County Ice Rink IS NOW OPEN!!!

2003-2004 Daily Admission/Skat	e Rental
Adult	\$4.50
Youth	\$3.00
Senior	\$3.00
Noon Skate (Adults Only)	\$2.50
Family (= $2 \text{ adults} + 2 \text{ children}$)	\$12.00
Each additional child	\$2.50
Each additional adult	\$4.00
Adult Hockey (drop-in)	\$7.00
Figure Skate Rental	\$2.50
Hockey Skate Rental	\$3.00



Winter Activities

The Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce and other organizations are holding winter events on December 6, 2003. Some of the activities include Breakfast with Santa, Winter Wagon Rides, "The Nutcracker," Holiday Art Show, and the Annual Holiday Light Parade. For time and locations visit http://visit.losalamos.com/events/ for more information.



Not into ice skating? How about skiing or snowboarding?

Please remember that the ice rink is outdoors. When weather conditions change such as snow, sleet, or rain, we may be forced to close, sometimes on short notice. So please dress warm and always call before coming down. To see the ice rink hours visit http://www.lac-nm.us/index.asp?Type=B BASIC&SEC={A5F5C73C-474A-44EC-B0ED-D751DB1829C0} or call 662-4500

Safety/Security Tip of the Week

Now that the cold whether is here educate yourself about the dangers of Hypothermia.

Hypothermia is caused by a rapid loss of body heat. Hypothermia is the most dangerous illness of backcountry travel. It can strike on a balmy day, under conditions you least expect. Often victims don't recognize the symptoms, simply because they can't believe hypothermia could strike under comparatively mild travel conditions. The victim may have to rely on fellow travelers to spot the attack and act to insure recovery.

Drastic lowering of the inner body temperature causes rapid and progressive mental and physical collapse. Symptoms include fits of shivering, vague, slurred speech, memory lapse, fumbling hands, lurching walk, drowsiness and exhaustion, and apparent unconcern about physical discomfort.

Get the victim out of the wind and wet. Restore body temperature. Skin-to-skin contact is quickest. Place the victim in a dry sleeping bag, then have one or two heat donors surround the victim. If the victim is conscious, give warm drink - even hot water (not coffee or other stimulant.) When fit for travel, carry the victim out in windproof and waterproof covering.

This information can be found at the U.S. Department of Agriculture at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/conditions/safety/hypo/.



Pajarito Mountain Ski Area

Find out operating times, how much season passes are, ski rentals, snow reports, and trails at their web site http://www.skipajarito.com/. The mountain has 5-10 inches already so get your ski and snowboard equipment out and ready!

Know a student who is not receiving Student News, Student Views? Invite them to contact eramirez@lanl.gov to get on the list serv.

About The Education Program Office...



The Education Program Office is dedicated to developing an employment pipeline for the Laboratory. Efforts begin with K-12 students and teachers and progress through undergraduate and graduate level students. The following teams are located within the Education Program Office: the Math and Science Academy Outreach team, the Laboratory's Student Program Coordination team and the Critical Skills Development Program team. We strive to enhance the learning environment at the Laboratory for both the students and Laboratory staff members.